

RESOLUTION NO 2019-07

Summer Meeting

24 August 2019

OPPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUPPORTING APPOINTED STATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND REQUIRING ALABAMA TO USE NATIONAL STANDARDS (COMMON CORE BAIT AND SWITCH)

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education consists of nine members, eight elected in districts with the remaining seat occupied by the Governor who serves as the body's President; and

WHEREAS, each member of the State board of Education must now run for election every four years in accordance with the sacred tradition of democracy; and

WHEREAS, proposed Constitutional Amendment 284 would remove these eight elected members of the State Board of Education replacing them with non-elected residents who are appointed by the governor; and

WHEREAS, if Constitutional Amendment 284 were adopted, this great State's citizens will be denied the right to vote on their representative to the State board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 284 would require Alabama to use National Standards, a bait and switch tactic giving the appearance of purging Common Core State Standards while maintaining the very same objectionable standards by a different name; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 284 would make Alabama dependent on other states for its courses of study (standards) as it says that Alabama standards must ensure "nationwide consistency" and a "seamless transfer" between states; and

WHEREAS, the only way to have a "seamless transfer" would be to share national standards with some forty other Common Core aligned states, thus locking Alabamians into Common Core, by whatever the current name, through the Alabama Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party stands for the right of Alabamians to vote for their representative to this important body, and to retain their right to choose what is taught in our classrooms to our students rather than to subjugate that choice to national standards; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 284 will be on the ballot listed as Statewide Amendment 1 on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to be voted on by all citizens of Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party, acting by and through its State Executive Committee duly assembled, hereby expresses its strong opposition to Constitutional Amendment 284; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the leaders of the Alabama Republican Party hereby urge all persons to vote “no” on Statewide Amendment 1 (Constitutional Amendment 284) in order to retain our right to elect members of the Alabama State Board of Education, and the right of Alabamians to establish standards that uphold both Alabama values and academic excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff of the Alabama Republican Party is hereby directed to give the widest possible dissemination of executed copies of this Resolution to the news media of Alabama, including all daily and weekly newspapers and all radio and television stations that broadcast news.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-08

Summer Meeting

24 August 2019

COMMENDATION FOR PASSAGE OF THE HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, the Republican Party and the people of Alabama have a longstanding commitment to the sanctity of life and opposition to all abortions; and

WHEREAS, the Human Life Protection Act has been passed by our Republican legislators and signed into law by our Republican governor with overwhelming support; and

WHEREAS, the Human Protection Act is widely recognized as the most restrictive and most likely *sanctity of life* legislation to challenge the evil *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court ruling; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Party that our Republican legislators and governor be commended for enacting this landmark legislation that has established the State of Alabama as the leader in fighting for the lives of the unborn.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-09

**Summer Meeting
24 August 2019**

REGARDING ELECTIONS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee desires fair and honest elections for our State Executive committee Officers and National Committee Persons; and

WHEREAS, we believe that all State Executive Committee members should participate and vote in the elections for State Executive Committee Officers and National Committee Persons; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the election for State Executive Committee Officers and National Committee Persons should be as geographically convenient to as many state executive committee members as possible;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that there be enacted a Standing Rule that all regularly scheduled elections under Article 4 for all State Executive Committee Officers and National Committee Persons be held at a location which is no farther north than the northern most boundary of the city limits of the City of Birmingham or at a location which is no farther south than the southern most boundary of the city limits of the City of Montgomery. The Standing Rule shall not apply to elections for the purpose of filling vacancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED by the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee that the State Chairman shall designate the By-Laws Committee to draft the Standing Rule which shall be presented to the State Executive Committee for adoption at the Winter 2020 Meeting of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-11

Summer Meeting

24 August 2019

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FORMER CHAIRMAN BILL ARMISTEAD BY NAMING THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY HEADQUARTERS IN HIS HONOR

WHEREAS, Bill Armistead served as unpaid Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party from 2011 to 2015 after long-time membership on both the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee and the Alabama Republican State Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Armistead served as Senior Vice Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party and as a Republican member of the Alabama State Senate and has served the Alabama Republican Party in many other capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party, Bill Armistead began the process of locating and securing a permanent headquarters for the Alabama Republican party and personally coordinated the fundraising efforts for such headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party was able to eliminate its headquarters rental expenses and re-direct those funds to campaign activities because of the fundraising activities of Bill Armistead; and

WHEREAS, various rooms and areas of the Alabama Republican Party headquarters have already been designated to honor donors to, and past chairmen of, the Alabama Republican Party;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee recognize Bill Armistead by naming its headquarters "*The Bill Armistead Building*" and placing a plaque on such building to recognize this designation.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-12

Summer Meeting

24 August 2019

**Resolution: Support for Rep. Ilhan Omar's expulsion
from the United States Congress**

WHEREAS, Rep. Omar has engaged in rhetoric that explicitly runs counter to American values and patriotism by falsely accusing U.S. armed forces of committing war crimes while on mission to liberate her home country of Somalia

WHEREAS, Rep. Omar dismissed the 9/11 terror attacks waged by radical Islam on the World Trade Center by stating "some people did something"

WHEREAS, Rep. Omar sympathized with a convicted terrorist and member of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria by advocating a U.S. District Judge for sentencing leniency

WHEREAS, Rep. Omar has a disturbing record of using anti-Semitic language that includes alleging Jewish money is used to buy American influence regarding its policy toward Israel; Rep. Omar is also a supporter of the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party urges its elected congressional delegation to proceed with the expulsion process in accordance to Article 1, Section 5 of the U.S. Constitution to expel Rep. Ilhan Omar from the United States House of Representatives

RESOLUTION NO 2019-13

Summer Meeting

24 August 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY

Commendation of our Governor and Legislature for Defending Alabama's Judeo Christian Values

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party commends our Governor and State Legislature for passing Alabama Act 2019-508, Bible and Elective History Courses, which authorizes our public schools to teach Bible history and bring study of the Bible back to our classrooms, as well as for passing HB 339, Education Policy, which allows public school students the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the school day, and for passing HB228 the National Motto “In God We Trust” Act which authorizes the display of our national motto of “In God We Trust” in and on public buildings and public vehicles including school classrooms, courthouses, libraries, office buildings and law enforcement or service vehicles.

WHEREAS, opposition to Alabama Act 2019-508 has been expressed by out-of-state interests opposed to Christian values claiming this program “alienates non-Christian students and (LGBTQ), lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and transgender students.”

WHEREAS, certain athletes have protested alleged racism and alleged police brutality by disrespecting the Pledge of Allegiance by not standing during its recitation.

WHEREAS, out-of- state interests oppose our national motto “In God We Trust” being displayed on our State of Alabama public property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party strongly supports the conduct of these educational efforts and commends our governor and legislature for passing these bills which strongly reflect our Alabama values.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-14

24 August 2019

Summer Meeting

Title: Expressing the sense of the Alabama Republican Party that socialism poses a significant threat to freedom, liberty, and economic prosperity.

Whereas; Senator Steve Daines of Montana has submitted the instant resolution to the US Senate under the title; “Expressing the sense of the US Senate that socialism poses a significant threat to freedom, liberty, and economic prosperity,” and is currently awaiting its passage by that legislative body, the 468 members of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee expresses its full support of his efforts and the thesis of his Resolution as we commend him for his insight and effort;

Whereas Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines socialism as—
(1) “any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods”; and

(2) “a system of society or group living in which there is no private property”;

Whereas socialism and the policies advocated by self-described “democratic socialists” have an underlying historical connection to the Marxist theory;

Whereas history has witnessed countless failed Marxist-inspired regimes;

Whereas, because of the perverse incentives and inherent flaws of the Marxist theory, socialism inevitably leads to societal rot, resulting in devastation, economic poverty, and destruction;

Whereas prominent elected officials in the Senate and the House of Representatives are self-described socialists and espouse socialist proposals;

Whereas socialist policies such as the Green New Deal and socialized medicine would—

(1) eliminate the private property rights of all people of the United States; and

(2) force taxpayers to pay trillions of dollars to implement;

Whereas Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, “Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude.”;

Whereas Margaret Thatcher once stated, “Socialist governments ... always run out of other people’s money”, and thus the way to prosperity is for the state to give “the people more choice to spend their own money in their own way”;

Whereas free-market capitalism is the greatest engine for human advancement in the history of the world, bringing more people out of poverty and into prosperity than any economic model in the history of mankind;

Whereas the United States is the single greatest country in the history of the world, due in large part to its system of government that secures the private property rights of all citizens through the genius of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, on February 5, 2019, in the State of the Union address, President Donald J. Trump

declared—

(1) **“We are alarmed by new calls to adopt socialism in our country”;** and

(2) **“America will never be a socialist country”:** Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the US Senate (and the ALGOP) —

(1) acknowledges that Marxism and socialism are failed ideologies;

(2) recognizes that socialism poses a significant threat to the freedom, liberty, and economic prosperity of all countries and people around the world;

(3) accepts that socialism is a failed experiment of governance that inevitably ends in misery and suffering;

(4) declares that, throughout the history, tradition, and national civic spirit of the United States, the United States has been a beacon of light shining like a lighthouse to the rest of the world, demonstrating that freedom and liberty are the surest foundation of government; and

(5) **affirms that the United States should never be a socialist country.**